

## Question 1: Pesticide Safety Worksheets

Reference:

Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Private and Commercial Applicators

Unit 4: Pesticides in the Environment, Page 3

### **Precautionary Statement**

**Pesticide product labeling statements are intended to alert the handler to the particular environmental concerns posed by a pesticide. The lack of a particular precautionary statement does not mean that the pesticide is safe for the environment. Originally, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determined that a pest product was a restricted use pesticide (RUP) primarily because it presented a hazard to humans. Newer pesticides with RUP designations have label precautions that include a variety of environmental hazards such as the potential for groundwater contamination, toxicity to birds, and/or toxicity to aquatic invertebrate animals. Both the public and the EPA are becoming increasingly concerned about harmful effects on the environment from pesticides. As a result, EPA closely evaluates environmental effects in the registration of pesticides.**